

2018 APPLICATION
MONTANA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (MAP)
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – BOZEMAN

JUNE 24 – JULY 21, 2018

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 28, 2018

Please read the following important information for MAP student applicants and their parents/guardians before applying to the Montana Apprenticeship Program:

1. Students who participate in the Montana Apprenticeship Program (MAP) are required to participate in the entire four-week program, including ALL weekday and weekend activities. **MAP begins Sunday, June 24 at 4:00pm and concludes Saturday, July 21, at 11:00am.** The program cannot make any exceptions for the above dates.
2. Students accepted to MAP should make sure to schedule routine appointments, including routine medical and dental check-ups, either before or after the June 24 to July 21, 2018 time-period.
3. MAP students are not permitted to leave MSU-Bozeman at any time unless participating in an official program activity, or unless they have permission from a parent or guardian **and prior approval** (minimum of two [2] days prior to departure) from the MAP Program Director.
4. Due to the relatively short duration of MAP, any student who leaves the program for more than two (2) days, for any reason and regardless of prior approval, may be suspended from the program by the MAP Program Director.
5. **STUDENT CELL PHONE USE:**
Student cell phone use is prohibited during group meals and during all academic class times, laboratory activities/workshops, and field trips, unless otherwise approved by MAP teachers, faculty, or staff. In addition, students' use of cell phones and all other electronic devices are prohibited from lights out every night until 8am daily, unless otherwise approved by the MAP Program Staff.

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6. **PROGRAM GOALS**

The goals of MAP are to inspire and support high school students to pursue college degrees and increase the number of Native American, other underrepresented minority students, and first generation high school students entering the career fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (“STEM”).

7. **ELIGIBILITY**

Students who will enter their junior or senior year in high school in fall 2018 are eligible for MAP. Students must be current residents of Montana. Native American and other underrepresented minority students, and “first generation” students (first in their families who will attend a four-year college or university) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should have a strong interest in 1) pursuing a four-year college degree after high school graduation and 2) pursuing college studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math (“STEM”).

8. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

MAP students will 1) participate in non-credit coursework in math, writing, and science; 2) participate in hands-on science and engineering laboratory activities and demonstrations; 3) learn about science and engineering topics and careers; 3) learn success skills for college, aimed at helping students successfully apply to and prepare for college.

9. **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

MAP students will participate in a variety of evening and weekend group activities, including many active, outdoor activities. These activities may include team sports (basketball, soccer, etc.); overnight camping trips in a campground setting; swimming; day hiking excursions on mountain trails; and river float trips.

10. **STUDENT BENEFITS**

- Housing in an MSU dormitory and all meals are provided for the entire four-week program.
- Students who successfully complete the entire four-week program receive a stipend of \$800.
- MAP will help arrange roundtrip transportation to the program for students who need assistance.
- A fulltime program coordinator and fulltime residential advisers provide round-the-clock supervision and support to MAP students.

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Application Instructions:

- a.) Please type or clearly print in ink the application form questions. If you choose to handprint the questions, please use black or blue ink and write clearly. Application forms printed in pencil and unreadable application forms will not be reviewed. Please type the essay portion of the application.
- b.) Please provide the most current and correct contact information for you and your parents/legal guardian on the application form, including a current home mailing address, email address, and telephone number(s) where MAP staff can reach you.
- c.) In addition to the completed MAP application form, please submit the following materials:

Using a separate sheet(s) of 8.5 X 11 paper, MAP student applicants should **type a personal essay of 500 to 700 words**. Please use Times New Roman or Arial font size 12. In your essay, please tell the MAP program about yourself. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DESCRIBE:

- Your interests, personality, and the things you are passionate about;
- Your family; community; hobbies; extracurricular activities, and volunteer involvement;
- Why you want to spend a month this summer studying Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math *and* why you want to go to a four-year college or university.
- Your personal goals and what you hope to learn and achieve by participating in MAP.
- Your interest in pursuing a future career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math.

d.) In addition to the above essay, please submit:

TWO letters of recommendation, **typed and signed** by each Recommender/Reference, with their contact information included. The Recommender/Reference may be a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, academic advisor, etc., but not a relative. The two letters of recommendation should be submitted with your application.

**In each recommendation letter, the Recommender/Reference should address the MAP applicant's personality and characteristics, including: 1) initiative; 2) passion for learning; 3) aptitude; 4) quality of academic work; 5) interest in STEM and STEM careers; 6) school attendance and punctuality; 7) ability to work with others; 8) communication skills; and 9) maturity and judgment.

e.) Finally, please submit a copy of your complete high school transcripts, including fall semester 2017.

Applicants may submit completed applications via postal mail OR email.

To mail your application, send it to:

Montana Apprenticeship Program (MAP)
PO Box 173820
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717-3820

Please do not fold or staple the application materials.

OR

Applicants may email a PDF of their complete application to amy.stix@montana.edu

If you choose to email your application, please submit the application in one (1) complete PDF file.

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Applicant Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Current Grade Level: Fresh Soph Junior Senior

Gender: Male Female

Ethnic Origin (Check all that apply):

American Indian/Alaska Native _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

Hispanic _____ African American _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____

Other (Specify) _____

Parents/Legal Guardian's Name _____

Parents/Legal Guardian's Home Mailing Address (IF different than above)

City & State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Legal Guardian's Email(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Applicant's High School _____ Phone _____

Address of High School _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

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For MAP Statistical Purposes Only - Please complete the following:
Parent/Guardian Information:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

1. Highest level of school completed by Father/Guardian:

- Middle School/Jr. High
- High School
- Vocational Certificate
- 2-year College (Associates Degree)
- 4-year College (Bachelor Degree)
- Graduate level (Masters and/or PhD)
- Other
- Unknown

Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Did Father/Guardian ever participate in MAP? _____ If YES, what year(s)? _____

2. Highest level of school completed by Mother/Guardian:

- Middle school/Jr. High
- High School
- Vocational Certificate
- 2-year College (Associates Degree)
- 4-year College (Bachelor Degree)
- Graduate level (Masters and/or PhD)
- Other
- Unknown

Place of Employment: _____

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Did Mother/Guardian ever participate in MAP? _____ If YES, what year(s)? _____

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The following statements must be signed by both the student applicant and their parent/guardian:

Student Statement:

“If I am selected as a participant for MAP and accept the offer of the Montana Apprenticeship Program, I will fully participate in all official activities during the four-week summer program from June 24 through July 21, 2018.”

Student's
Signature _____

Date _____

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Parent or Legal Guardian Statement:

“I understand that if my son/daughter is selected for MAP they will be expected to complete the full four-week summer program from June 24 through July 21, 2018 and that it is the parent’s/guardian’s responsibility to coordinate with the MAP Program to help arrange and provide transportation to and from the program.”

Parent or Legal Guardian’s Signature:

Date _____